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SENATOR BILL BRADLEY TALKS ABOUT MAKING A BETTER AMERICA AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (January 2, 2008) – The National Constitution Center welcomes **Senator Bill Bradley** – bestselling author, New York Knicks star, and former presidential candidate – to discuss his book, *The New American Story*, on how to make America a better, stronger, truer country. **Matt Bai**, national political writer for the *New York Times Magazine* and author of *The Argument*, will moderate the discussion. This program will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$6 for K-12 students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700 or at www.constitutioncenter.org.

Based on Bradley's acclaimed *New York Times* op-ed piece, *The New American Story* argues that a strong nation requires a stronger two-party system with leaders who will tell the truth to the American people. Bradley argues that the Republican Party has built a solid pyramid structure, starting in the 1970s, at the base of which are money, ideas, and media, whereas the Democratic Party's structure is an inverted pyramid, relying on too much pressure from a charismatic leader to hold it up. Bradley's call to action is addressed not only to the parties and elected leaders, but to citizens as well. He proposes actions that every American can take to shape our nation's future.

Bill Bradley has been an Olympic Gold Medalist, a Rhodes Scholar, a professional basketball player, and a thrice-elected U.S. Senator from New Jersey. He has written five books, including the *New York Times* bestsellers *Time Present*, *Time Past*, and *Values of the Game*. Bradley hosts "American Voices" on Sirius Satellite Radio and is a managing director at Allen & Company LLC.

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Matt Bai writes on national politics for the *New York Times Magazine*, where he is currently covering the 2008 presidential campaign. He is the author of *The Argument: Billionaires, Bloggers, and the Battle to Remake Democratic Politics*. Bai's coverage of the 2004 campaign included cover stories on the Republican machine in Ohio and the future of Democratic politics, as well as a cover profile of John Kerry. His work was honored in both the 2005 and 2006 editions of *The Best American Political Writing*. Before joining the *Times Magazine* in 2002, Bai spent five years as a national correspondent for *Newsweek*. In 2001, he was a fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government, where he led a seminar on the next generation of political journalism.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of the Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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